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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL: SUGGESTED AGENDA

REF: MEXICO 7362

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE MR. TOM PETERS

1. SUMMARY: AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY HERewith
SUBMITS SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 28-29 MEETING
BETWEEN ATTORNEYS GENERAL RICHARDSON AND OJEDA PAULLADA.
END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING SUGGESTED AGENDA IS HIGHLY TENTATIVE AND
HAS BEEN DRAWN UP WITHOUT BENEFIT OF KNOWING HOW MUCH TIME
ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDSON WILL HAVE AVAILABLE TO SPEND
WITH OJEDA DURING LATTER'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND STATE AND OTHER WASHINGTON
AGENCIES WILL COURSE BE IN BETTER POSITION TO EXPAND
UPON AND ELABORATE FINAL AGENDA. THIS CABLE SIMPLY
REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT TO FLAG THE ITEMS WHICH FROM
OUR VANTAGE POINT APPEAR TO OFFER FRUITFUL GROUND FOR
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DISCUSSION.

SUGGESTED AGENDA:

A. COURTESY AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. MR. RICHARDSON MAY EXPRESS USG APPRECIATION FOR FINE GOM COOPERATION, AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT DEPORTATION OF GIUSEPPE CATANIA. MIGHT ALSO SINGLE OUT MEXICAN FEDERAL ATTORNEYS HERRERA ESPONDA (MAZATLAN) AND DEL TORO (NUEVO LAREDO) AS EXEMPLIFYING FINEST TRADITIONS OF DEDICATION AND COOPERATION, NOTING THAT THE MANY BRAVE SACRIFICES OF MFJP GIVE LIE TO THE OCCASIONAL, SCURRILOUS ALLEGATIONS OF COWARDICE AMONG MEXICAN AGENTS.

B. REVIEW OF MEXICAN NARCOTICS SITUATION AS SEEN BY EACH SIDE.

(1) US ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING ON CATANIA AND OTHER MAJOR TRAFFICKERS OPERATING IN MEXICO.

(2) MEXICAN ASSESSMENT, TO INCLUDE EXPLANATION OF TASK FORCE CONCEPT AND OTHER NEWLY-DEVELOPED GOM STRATEGIES.

C. SUBJECTS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR'S SEPT. 11 DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.

(1) MORE DETAILED AND PROGRAMMED INFORMATION ON "COMPASS TRIP".

(2) MORE INFORMATION ON THE EXPANDED HELICOPTER PROGRAM, INCLUDING DELIVERY SCHEDULE ON USG SIDE.

(3) DISCUSSION OF NEED FOR EXPANDED EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE, AND POSSIBLE STATIONING OF MFJP AGENTS ON US SIDE OF BORDER AS STIMULUS TO THIS END.

C. NEED FOR MORE PROFESSIONALIZATION IN MFJP. WHAT CAN USG DO TO ASSIST BY TRAINING OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE? HAS OJEDA CONSIDERED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN MFJP ACADEMY, ALONG WITH CAREER TENURE, REVISED PAY SCALES, ETCB HERE WE RECOMMEND, TIME PERMITTING , A VISIT BY OJEDA TO FBI AND DEA ACADEMIES. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE MOST IMPRESSIVE AND, IN LATTER CASE, MIGHT GIVE OJEDA OPPORTUNITY TO MEET DEA ADMINISTRATOR BARTELS.

D. LEGAL QUESTIONS.

(1) EXTRADITION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TRIAL IN-COUNTRY. ATTORNEYS GENERAL MIGHT AGREE TO HOLD TECHNICAL-LEVEL TALKS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION BY CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH COUNTRIES IN THIS VERY COMPLICATED AREA.

(2) SELECTION OF USG EVIDENCE AGAINST CERTAIN TRAFFICKERS OPERATING IN MEXICO, SO THAT TEAMS OF MEXICAN FEDERAL ATTORNEYS MIGHT SCREEN THIS EVIDENCE FOR POSSIBLE USE IN MEXICAN TRIALS.

(3) OBTAINING FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON US TRAFFICKERS FROM MEXICAN BANKS, OJEDA MIGHT EXPLAIN HIS POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT TO MR. RICHARDSON (SEE REFTEL).

E. DANGEROUS DRUGS. DISCUSSION OF RECENT US
AND MEXICAN MOVES AGAINST AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES,
INCLUDING GOM'S NEED TO ESTABLISH ANALYTICAL LABORATORY
AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT AND POSSIBLE USG HELP IN SO DOING.

F. THE DEMAND SIDE.

(1) REVIEW OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN US.
HERE MR. RICHARDSON MIGHT REFER TO SAODAP/CEMEF COOPERA-
TION.

(2) ENFORCEMENT IN US, INCLUDING RECENT TRENDS
IN US HARD NARCOTICS LAWS. THE CURRENT AND PROBABLE
FUTURE LEGAL STATUS OF MARIJUANA.

G. THIRD COUNTRY COOPERATION.

(1) DOES OJEDA MEET WITH AG OF GUATEMALA?
DOES GOM RECEIVE COOPERATION FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN
GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO THE COCAINE AND
HEROIN TRAFFIC?

(2) MR. RICHARDSON MIGHT BRIEFLY DESCRIBE
RECENT NARCOTICS COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND CANADA.

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(3) SELECTION OF TENTATIVE DATE
FOR NEXT TRIPARTITE MEETING AT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVEL.

H. NON-NARCOTICS-REALTED ITEMS.

(1) IN DISCUSSTION OF SMUGGLED MEXICAN ARTIFACTS
(OF GREAT INTEREST TO OJEDA AND GOM GENERALLY), MR. RICHARDSON
MIGHT USE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN USG PROBLEMS WITH RELEVANT

MEXICAN LAW AND LEGAL CONSTRAINTS PLACE UPON USG PROSECUTION OF ARTIFACT CASES.

(2) ARRESTED AMCITS. REQUEST GOM MAKE SURE THAT "STOP NOTICES" (ON AMCITS AGAINST WHOM WARRANTS ARE OUTSTANDING IN US) BE HONORED MORE EFFECTIVELY AND THAT MEXICAN IMMIGRATION BE ADVISED WHENEVER SUCH PRISONERS RELEASED FROM MEXICAN JAILS. ALSO REQUEST THAT EXTRA SET OF FINGERPRINTS OF ALL ARRESTED AMCITS BE SENT TO LEGATT AT EMBASSY MEXICO.

(3) STOLEN US VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT. REVIEW OF PROBLEM AND DISCUSSION OF HOW TREATY MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED. LEGATT SUGGESTS FBI WASHINGTON MAY OFFER ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS RELATIVE TO THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BUREAU.

3. FOR REASONS GIVEN BY OJEDA HIMSELF IN PARA 9 OF REFTTEL, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST MR. RICHARDSON RAISING SUBJECT OF ILLEGAL ALIENS.
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4. WE ALSO RECOMMEND AGAINST DRAFTING A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OF MEETING, UNLESS STRONGLY WANTED BY MEXICAN SIDE. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD UNNECESSARILY ADD NOTE OF FORMALITY TO MEETING, MIGHT IRRITATE CANADIANS, AND CERTAINLY WOULD DETRACT FROM ATTENTION GIVEN JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AFTER NEXT TRIPARTITE MEETING.

5. AS YET WE HAVE NO READING ON WHETHER OJEDA PLANS TO PRESENT GIFT TO MR. RICHARDSON, OR HOW MANY OF HIS STAFF HE INTENDS TO BRING TO WASHINGTON WITH HIM. WILL ADVISE.

6. SINCE OJEDA ASKED THAT MR. RICHARDSON DECIDE THE AGENDA, WE HOPE FOR AN EARLY REPLY, SUBSTANCE OF WHICH MIGHT BE PASSED TO HIM.
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